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Ruling puts end to tent city

DTES. Judge grants city an injunction to evict homeless from Oppenheimer Park

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The tent city at Oppenheimer Park must end next week, a B.C. Supreme Court judge has ruled.

Justice Jennifer Duncan granted the City of Vancouver an injunction against the Downtown Eastside camp, which has been occupied by homeless people since July 17, ordering that residents leave the park by 10 p.m. on Oct. 15.

"I'm satisfied … that there will be an orderly and sensitive approach to dismantling structures and moving people in available housing," said Duncan. "City representatives have tried to facilitate this since the camp began with limited success. This order will effectively put a mandated end on residency at the park."

Duncan pointed out the city promises new permanent housing will be available in mid-October, so giving the camp a full week to come down allows the city an opportunity to house Oppenheimer residents.

DJ Larkin, the Pivot Legal Society lawyer representing those homeless at the camp, said Duncan's decision marks the first instance that a judge has given so much time in granting an injunction and she "truly understood that these are people who need homes, they need outreach and they need services."

However, Larkin is skeptical the city will house everyone in the camp by next week.

"What there is no evidence of is that any single person in the camp will have access to any of that housing," said Larkin. "Personally, I'm worried. I'm worried about the people living there. I don't want to see their lives be put in danger because the city squandered an opportunity to provide real housing options by using a legal process that further marginalizes people who are living on our streets today."

Dan Wallace, a defendant in the injunction and one of the court-recognized leaders of the camp, said the city will be held to account.

"If the city is going to step up to the plate — this is their argument up to this point — then they better damn well do their job," he said. "We want to make sure there is a decent transition that goes in, to make sure the campers are protected."

The city released a statement after the court decision, vowing to "continue its efforts to assist those in the park who are homeless to access available shelter and housing options."

It says 56 homeless campers have been placed into housing, 23 others are in the process of getting housed and information has been gathered to assist another 34 individuals.

Duncan said the exact number of homeless people at the camp is impossible to determine, but it's likely there are 100 to 200 people there in need of housing.

The city's application for an injunction to remove people living in Oppenheimer Park is staked outside the park on Sept. 25.
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The first all-candidates debate runs tonight beginning at 7 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre on Grandview Highway in East Vancouver.

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Amid fears the Syrian border town of Kobani could fall any day, U.S. and NATO officials are travelling to Turkey today to press for more Turkish involvement in the coalition.

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Police bust underground shoplifting ring in East Van.

Over $200K worth of stolen goods. High-end clothing brands, such as Michael Kors and Coach, among stolen items

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Three people are in police custody after investigators seized more than $200,000 worth of stolen goods from an East Vancouver home in connection with an alleged underground shoplifting ring.

Vancouver police spokesman Sgt. Randy Fincham said officers recovered the stolen merchandise, which included high-end clothing brands like Arcteryx, Michael Kors, Coach and Holt Renfrew, after executing a search warrant at a home on Fremlin Street near East 41st Avenue last Thursday.

Police believe an organized crime group was contracting out retail thieves, who brought the stolen goods to the home where they were organized, advertised online and sold at a significant discount of up to 60 per cent.

Fincham said police will be requesting charges of possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000 against the three suspects, who were taken into police custody following the search warrant.

Police also seized three vehicles believed to have been used to transport the stolen goods, he said.

The arrests come only a week after Vancouver police seized $100,000 worth of stolen goods at a home on McKinnon Street near East 43rd Avenue that was also allegedly operating as an underground retail store. In recent years, Vancouver police estimate they have seized about $1.5 million worth of stolen high-end goods in connection with the black market.

Insp. Mike Cumberworth said police could also pursue criminal charges of possession of stolen property against those who bought stolen items.

As many as 20 people an hour were seen coming and going from the home, many arriving in luxury vehicles, police said.

"People who attend these locations … it's pretty obvious that what they're buying is stolen property," said Cumberworth.

Those who support black market shoplifting rings also drive up retail prices, which have a direct impact on legitimate buyers, he said.

Cumberworth said police are attempting to return the stolen goods to the stores from which they were stolen.

He encouraged anyone with information about underground shoplifting operations to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

Vancouver police recovered $200,000 worth of stolen merchandise. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

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Vancouver politicians campaign on freebies

Parking or swimming. Mayoral candidates offer relief for Vancouverite wallets

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Vancouver's politicians are promising freebies in their efforts to woo voters in the Nov. 15 election.

Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson kicked off a day of campaign promises on Wednesday with a pledge to provide the first course free for children's beginner swimming lessons.

It will cost an estimated $120,000 each year to provide the intro swim lessons to children younger than 14, according to Vision.

Hours later, Vision's top rival the Non-Partisan Association responded with a promise to make metered street parking outside the downtown core free on Sundays and holidays and stop charging at metered parking at 8 p.m. instead of 10 p.m., according to a news release.

"The extended times were brought in for the 2010 Olympic Games, but they have stuck. It's nothing more than a way to gouge motorists," NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe said in a statement. "There's no reason Vancouverites should pay for parking that late into the evening."

But Vision Vancouver said that money could buy 250 child care spaces.

Kitsilano pool in Vancouver EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

Vision Vancouver. Mayor Robertson promises to target family housing

Couples are often forced out of downtown Vancouver in a search for bigger, more affordable living spaces when they start families.

But Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson wants to change that by encouraging developers to dedicate 35 per cent of each new development to family housing, particularly two and three bedroom units.

"There's undoubtedly a shortage, particularly downtown and along our transit corridors," Robertson said at a Wednesday news conference at Grandview Park, where his party announced its affordability plan.

"It's all about a negotiation with the developers and ensuring we get a mix of units."

As it stands, the city's target is for 25 per cent of new developments to be reserved for family units. Vision would increase that as part of its bid to make Vancouver, one of the most expensive places to live in the world, more affordable.

Mayor Gregor Robertson JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

While a downtown three-bedroom condo might not fit into most Vancouverites definition of affordable — that is, 30 per cent of their income — there's a significant difference between such units and a detached single family home, Robertson said. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

NPA. LaPointe seeks to increase income levels

If people make more money, it will be easier for them to afford to live in Vancouver.

So goes NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe's logic when it comes to Vancouver's lack of affordability, a problem he would address by focusing on raising income levels over increasing the housing supply.

And the resource industry is a place LaPointe would look — a contrast with Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson's attempts to attract technology jobs instead.

He wants to make it clear to the world that Vancouver is interested in investment, particularly in sectors where the city already thrives.

"That's going to mean in a lot of cases, we'll be emphasizing higher paying jobs in sectors like resources," he said.

The mining sector and Port Metro Vancouver already thrive in Vancouver, but the mayor has staunchly opposed an expansion to the Kinder Morgan pipeline.

Mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Regardless, Vancouverites would need a major raise to afford a to live in the city. The average income for 25 to 55-year-olds with a Bachelor Degree is $41,000, according to data from Bing Thom Architects researcher Andy Yan. Affordable housing on that income costs less than $1,000 per month. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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Search for missing Ottawa teen turns to Vancouver

Justin Rutter. 14-year-old last seen in 2009

Police in Ottawa are looking to Vancouver in their ongoing search for a missing teen they now believe may be the victim of foul play.

Justin Rutter disappeared five years ago when he was 14 years old and police have now offered a $5,000 reward for information.

"The reality is we don't know where he is or what has happened to him," said Ottawa Supt. Don Sweet at a media briefing into the ongoing investigation — the seventh such appeal since the teenager went missing Oct. 8, 2009.

"Our missing person unit investigators are concerned that Justin may have met with foul play or is otherwise deceased."

Vancouver police Const. Brian Montague told reporters Wednesday that investigators are working closely with police in Ottawa.

A recent tip to Ottawa police suggested Rutter may be in Vancouver, he added.

"We're hoping that people have a look at the photograph, have a look at the composite sketch, and if they've seen Justin — even if they've seen him in the last five years — the police would like to hear from him," Montague said.

Investigators in Ottawa fear the teen may be dead.

"This is a 14-year-old that otherwise was not known to run away and was not associating with those people that normally would," added Sweet.

"In this age of social media, everything else points to if he was alive and well right now, I think somebody would be giving this up."

Rutter's family, who have led a five-year campaign to find the missing boy, feel that police haven't done enough to find him and said they were put through "hell" during a recent lie detector test.

Vancouver Const. Brian Montague holds up a photo of missing teen Justin Rutter during a press conference in Vancouver Wednesday. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

"At the very beginning when Justin disappeared we tried to tell police that he was not a runaway and we had worked hard to get the public involved," said Justin's grandmother Diane Veilleux.

"The police insisted he was a runaway and went ahead and published it in the media. All public interest and support seemed to vanish overnight."

Sweet told media that although police are doing everything they can, efforts to find Rutter didn't amp up until about 30 days after his disappearance — a timeframe he called "a critical period."

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East Van. Man recovering after being attacked with concrete block

A man is recovering after he was struck in the head multiple times with a concrete block in an East Vancouver community garden Tuesday.

Vancouver police spokesman Const. Brian Montague said the 51-year-old victim lives near the community garden at Guelph Park, also known as Dude Chilling Park, in the 300-block of East 6th Avenue, where the violent assault unfolded.

The victim told police the two men appeared to be using drugs in the garden and he approached them, sparking an altercation during which he threw a small rock at the pair.

One of the two men then picked up a concrete block and hit the resident multiple times in the head, before they both fled the scene on bikes, said Montague.

The victim, who has a possible concussion, was taken to hospital where he received some stitches.

One of the suspects is described as about five-foot-six and 160 pounds, while the other is between six-foot-two and six-foot-three and 180 to 190 pounds, said Montague.

Both are between 25 and 30 years old, and had either shaved or bald heads, he said.

"They were described as looking fairly rough looking," said Montague.

Montague asked the public to call police if they witness suspicious activity, rather than confront anyone themselves.

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"They were described as looking fairly rough looking."

Vancouver police spokesman Const. Brian Montague on the appearances of the suspects in the incident

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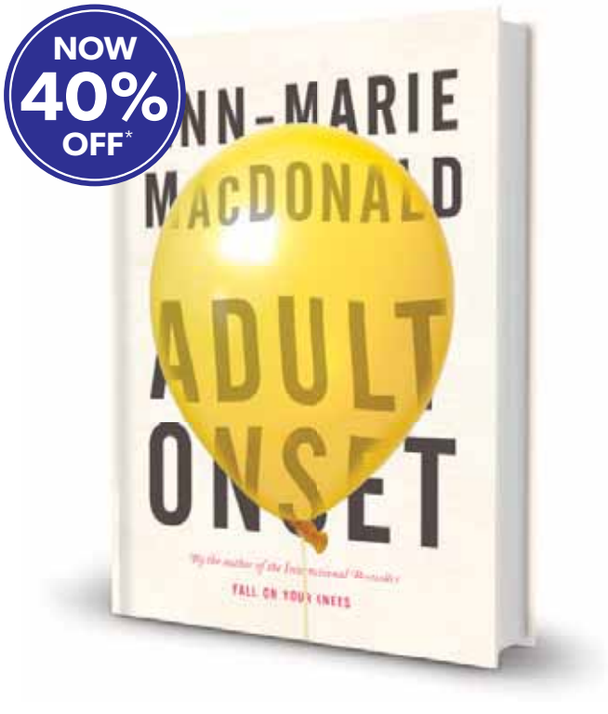

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‘Difficult choices’ ahead. LNG boom ‘not a forgone conclusion’: David Keane

With the provincial government on the cusp of announcing its tax and environmental regime for liquefied natural gas, the head of an industry group issued a warning Wednesday: The window is closing and B.C.’s trillion-dollar LNG dream is not a forgone conclusion.

David Keane, president of the newly formed B.C. LNG Alliance, said the provincial and federal governments will have to make some “difficult choices” if they want the tens of billions of dollars in investment.

“The members of the B.C. LNG Alliance currently find themselves at a crossroads,” Keane said at a Vancouver Board of Trade energy forum.

There are huge technical and financial challenges to such complex projects, and there is significant risk, said Keane, whose organization represents six of the 18 projects currently proposed in B.C.

Legislation around LNG must strike a balance between fair value for British Columbians for their natural resources and a “reasonable rate of return on what will be historic levels of investment.”

Keane declined to clarify specifically what kind of “clarity” LNG investors need, or to offer any target tax figures.

B.C. Premier Christy Clark and her Liberals were re-elected last year on promises of a trillion-dollar LNG industry that would provide jobs and pay off the provincial debt.

The Liberal government plans to introduce two separate pieces of LNG-related legislation in the coming weeks. The tax regime is expected to be tabled next week and an emissions reporting bill is due in late October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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“The (alliance) is concerned about our global competitiveness and the overall fiscal framework in British Columbia and in Canada.”

David Keane, president of the newly formed B.C. LNG Alliance

Four shades of the lunar eclipse

A sequence of photographs shows the lunar eclipse of the moon happening over a two-hour period as pictured from North Vancouver on Wednesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Three penalty points

Stricter penalties for distracted driving introduced

British Columbia’s Justice Minister Suzanne Anton has introduced tougher distracted driving penalties and is signalling that higher fines are coming down the road.

Starting Oct. 20, three penalty points will be added to the record of drivers caught talking on a handheld device while driving.

The points are in addition to the current $167 fine for those caught talking on a cellphone while behind the wheel, she said.

Drivers ticketed for texting while driving already get three penalty points, along with a fine of $167.

Anton said distracted driving is the second leading cause of driver deaths in B.C., averaging 88 deaths, while speeding is the top reason, with an average of 105 fatalities every year.

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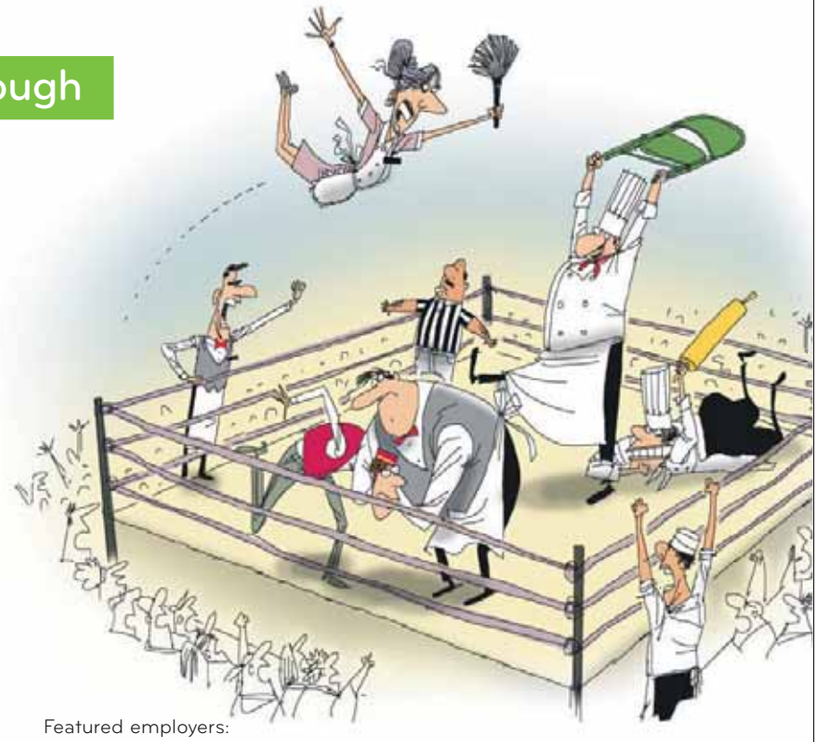

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Ebola patient wanted to see son graduate

'Dealing with the sorrow.' Visit to America represented decades of effort

Thomas Eric Duncan, the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the United States, grew up next to a leper colony in Liberia and was forced to flee from years of war before returning to his country, years later, to find it ravaged by the disease that ultimately took his life as well.

Duncan, 42, arrived in Dallas, Texas, in late September, realizing a long-held ambition to join relatives. He came to attend the high-school graduation of his son, who was brought to the U.S. as a toddler when the boy's mother successfully applied for resettlement.

"His son had told his mother, 'I want to see my dad. Can we help my dad to come?' And they fixed his papers to come to this country," said Duncan's brother Wilfred Smallwood.

Thomas Eric Duncan

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The trip was the culmination of decades of effort, friends and family members said. But when Duncan arrived in Dallas, though he showed no symptoms, he had already been exposed to Ebola.

Duncan's half-sister, Mai Wureh, had arrived with her husband in the U.S. in 1989, shortly before Charles Taylor's invasion, and helped her family apply for resettlement there, but the application was denied.

Duncan, Smallwood and about 20 other family members fled in the opposite direction from Taylor, to a refugee camp outside the Ivorian border city of Danane. It was there that Duncan met Louise Troh.

When Troh's resettlement application was approved, she took the couple's three-year-old son, Karsiah, and moved first to Boston and later to Dallas. This year, Duncan was summoned to the U.S. Duncan arrived at Troh's apartment in Dallas on Sept. 20.

Troh said in a statement Wednesday that she is "dealing with the sorrow and anger" that Karsiah Duncan was unable to visit Duncan at the hospital Tuesday evening, and so never saw his father again.

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Death penalty. Afghan authorities hang 5 men convicted of gang rape

Afghan authorities executed five men who were convicted of armed robbery and gang rape, the Kabul police chief said, following a case that galvanized the nation in recent weeks.

Gen. Mohammad Zahir Zahir says the men were hanged on Wednesday in the Puli Charkhi prison in the Afghan capital. Then-President Hamid Karzai had approved and signed the execution order last month on his last day in office, a rare such authorization in his more than decade-long tenure.

In August, eight men, some dressed in police uniforms, stopped an Afghan family's car outside Kabul and sexually assaulted four of the women in the family, including one who was pregnant. They were dragged out of the vehicle into an area where their male family members could hear the women screaming.

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An Afghan man sentenced to death is seen through a vehicle's rear window before the execution of six criminals at a jail in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protests

Poet, 7 others detained in China ahead of reading to show support for Hong Kong

Chinese police detained a well-known poet and seven other people ahead of a poetry reading planned in Beijing to support pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong, relatives of the detained said Wednesday.

Police apprehended poet Wang Zang in front of his Beijing home on the night of Oct. 1 and then searched his apartment and confiscated a computer, a router and other materials, his wife Wang Li told The Associated Press.

On Sept. 30, Wang Zang had posted on Twitter a picture of himself raising his middle finger and holding an umbrella, a symbol of solidarity adopted by the protesters demanding open nominations for Hong Kong's chief executive.

A message over the picture read: "Wearing black clothes, bald and holding an umbrella, I support Hong Kong."

Lawyer Sui Muqing said his client was detained for "provoking trouble," which he said carries a sentence of up to three years in prison.

"It's likely related to the picture," Sui said. "It has to do with the Hong Kong protests."

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German man tells jury about days spent with Magnotta before arrest

Jun Lin murder case. Court hears that Frank Rubert allowed accused into his Berlin home, unaware man was wanted by police

Witness Frank Rubert, left, from Berlin, leaves the courtroom with police investigators after testifying at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta Wednesday in Montreal. Magnotta is charged in connection with the murder of student Jun Lin in a case that made international headlines. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The man who housed Luka Rocco Magnotta in Berlin says the accused murderer had a few thousand euro, no luggage and was reportedly looking for a fresh start after breaking up with a lover.

Frank Rubert told Magnotta's murder trial on Wednesday the entire encounter with Magnotta — online and in person — spanned several days in May and June 2012.

He met Magnotta on a chat website called GayRomeo while looking for a roommate.

Testifying through an interpreter, Rubert said they spent much of their time together shopping, eating and drinking, but did not have sex because Magnotta wasn't his type.

Rubert said he didn't want to bring Magnotta home when he first saw him at the bus station. The native of Scarborough, Ont., looked greasy and unkempt, but Rubert decided to bring him home because he didn't want to leave him alone in Berlin with nowhere to go.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty to five charges in the murder and dismemberment of Chinese student Jun Lin. He has admitted to the acts he's accused of, but is arguing he is not criminally responsible by way of mental disorder.

In the days after the killing, he flew to France before heading to the German capital and hooking up with Rubert.

Rubert told the jury they socialized for four days without anything untoward happening. On the day of Magnotta's arrest, the pair had parted ways for a few hours. During that time, Rubert picked up a newspaper and saw a chilling image inside: a photo of Magnotta with a story describing an international manhunt for his arrest on suspicion of murder.

While Rubert contacted police and waited at a nearby station, an Internet café employee had flagged down police after seeing Magnotta in the café.

"On that day I reflected, and thought how stupid was I to let just anybody come into my apartment without knowing what kind of a person this was," Rubert said, adding the German police wished him a happy birthday after the arrest.

"I replied it's not my birthday and the police said yes, it is, because you could have been the next."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lac-Mégantic. Coroner issues report, says deaths could have been avoided

A Quebec coroner says the deaths of 47 people in the explosion of an oil tanker train in Lac-Mégantic, Que., in July 2013 could have been avoided.

Dr. Martin Clavet issued a report Wednesday for each of the 47 victims. He notes he can't comment about civil or criminal responsibility because of pending criminal charges.

Clavet is urging Ottawa to review its regulations to determine the number of brakes that need to be enabled on trains. He is also recommending that the federal government ensures trains carrying dangerous materials on a main track have proper supervision.

A federal measure to that effect expired in 2013 and Clavet is recommending it be re-introduced until Canadian rail companies implement more security measures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Smoke rises from railway cars carrying crude oil that derailed in downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., on July 6, 2013. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Euthanasia

Poll: Canadians strongly support assisted dying

An overwhelming majority of Canadians surveyed in an online poll support assisted dying for those suffering from a terminal illness that results in "unbearable suffering," a pro-euthanasia group said Wednesday, ahead of a Supreme Court of Canada hearing on the controversial issue.

The online survey — commissioned by the euthanasia-supporting group Dying With Dignity Canada and conducted by Ipsos Reid — found that more than 90 per cent of respondents agree with the concept of assisted dying.

"Support in our poll was across every age group, every income bracket, all education levels, both genders and community regardless of size," said Wanda Morris, CEO of Dying With Dignity Canada. "We believe that it's time to stop unwanted suffering at end of life, now." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Online meddlers can't run and can't hide from WikiWash

In March 2014, Metro's digital team headed to Toronto's inaugural edition of Techraking, a data journalism crash course sponsored by Google, the Center for Investigative Reporting and The Working Group. The prize at the end was a sizeable chunk of TWG's time to develop a data journalism tool pitched by an attending team. Metro's team won over the judges, and WikiWash is the result.

Metro digital reporter Luke Simcoe demonstrates the WikiWash program in Toronto Wednesday. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO IN TORONTO

What is WikiWash?

- WIkiWash is a search engine that reveals the edit history of a Wikipedia entry. To learn which users have been editing a page, simply paste the link or type the title into WikiWash's search field.
- WikiWash will then provide you with a chronological list of edits made to that page, including the handle or IP address of the person behind it. Clicking on each edit's summary will highlight the specific changes that were made, be it simply correcting a typo, or something a little shadier.
- So what to do with all these edit histories? Well, that's up to you.

LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

According to itself, Wikipedia is the fifth-most popular website on Earth.

It boasts a staggering 21 billion monthly page views and the English edition alone contains 4.6 million articles — 100 times that of Encyclopedia Britannica.

Since its inception in 2001, Wikipedia has become the Internet era's de facto archive. However, with that status comes great responsibility, for a single malicious or incorrect edit can ripple outwards, carried into the broader discourse by the 500 million people who visit the site each month.

One of the earliest hoaxes on Wikipedia occurred in 2005. An article on U.S. journalist John Seigenthaler falsely claimed he was a suspect in the Kennedy assassination. The entry remained online for six months before being discovered, and the ensuing outcry led the Wikimedia Foundation to ban unregistered users from creating pages.

Two years later, a 24-year-old Caltech student named Virgil Griffith created WikiScanner, an online tool that linked changes made by anonymous Wikipedia editors to the organizations from which the changes were made. Griffith's tool revealed edits made from IP addresses connected to numerous governments, businesses and agencies, including the CIA, the Vatican and the Canadian government.

Griffith said he developed WikiScanner "to create minor public relations disasters for companies and organizations I dislike (and) to see what 'interesting organizations' (which I am neutral towards) are up to."

Most of the edits discovered by WikiScanner were harmless, but it was a wake-up call. The public learned governments and corporations had Wikipedia on their radar and weren't above meddling with it to preserve their image.

There are currently 287 language editions of Wikipedia, meaning spin and vandalism on the site is truly a global issue. (Check out the map on the next page to see some editing controversies from around the world.)

As Wikipedia's audience continues to grow, so too does the capacity for political and corporate spin on the site. Earlier this year, a WikiMedia employee was fired after being caught editing entries on behalf of paying clients. In July, media outlets reported computers linked to the Kremlin were editing the Wikipedia article on Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 to downplay Russia's possible role in the crash.

"It's not really surprising," said Wikimedia spokesperson Katherine Maher.

"A place that's relied on by so many is also a place where you'll find those with an interest, an agenda or a point of view that's not neutral."

With that in mind, Metro News has created WikiWash. Designed in the spirit of WikiScanner, the tool takes things a step further by allowing users to track edits to Wikipedia in real time. And unlike other tools, WikiWash displays edits on the Wikipedia page itself, putting any changes in context.

While tools like WikiWash have historically revealed Wikipedia's vulnerabilities, Maher believes they're a valuable part of the project.

"We're always excited when we see them," she said. "They're really an extension of the intent of Wikipedia. If you start giving people open tools to create and share knowledge and participate in democracy, then the sky's the limit on what they'll actually do with them."

Ed Summers, creator of the @CongressEdits Twitter account, agrees. The automated account tweets edits made by IP addresses assigned to the U.S. Congress. The project has spawned clones across the world, including Canada.

"I created @congressedits because I hoped it could engender more, better ideas and tools like it. More thought experiments. More care for our communities and peoples," Summers wrote in a recent blog post.

It's a lofty goal, and one that prompted Metro to create WikiWash. Whether it's uncovering a political conspiracy, or just learning more about what makes Wikipedia tick, we're excited to see how readers make use of WikiWash.

Check it out and let us know what you find at wikiwash@metronews.ca.

Online coverage

Follow @MetroNewsCanada on Twitter to find out when WikiWash will be available.

Background

The seeds of an idea

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It all started because we thought it would be fun to map the sort of chicanery Toronto's absurdly partisan politics inspired on Wikipedia.

Shortly after Metro's digital team arrived at Techraking, we were assigned a fairly simple task: Come up with a data journalism pitch to throw your freshly tuned techniques at.

Our kernel was telling the story of Toronto's municipal election through Wikipedia edits. What invented indiscretions would worm their way into our notorious incumbent's entry? If somebody was spotted sowing confusion on a candidate's page, what other entries had drawn their attention?

That kernel went on to be heated by several rounds of prodding and encouragement from our Center for Investigative Reporting and The Working Group hosts.

They challenged us to expand our idea and cast our eye toward Wikipedia itself. The site's open nature is its greatest strength and its greatest weakness.

A way to easily sort what entries are being targeted by ill-intentioned edits, where the edits are being made from and even how they're being corrected could go a long way to taming the more damaging aspects of Wikipedia's crowdsourcing model.

So it was time to think big. How much data could realistically be scraped from Wikipedia? Would we be able to search a constellation of pages to dig up potential patterns? What's the best way to display it?

Eventually, chats with our hosts grew shorter and the question primarily became, "Wait, this doesn't already exist?"

It didn't. Now it does. WikiWash still has a distance to go before it becomes what we think it can be, but we couldn't be happier to share it with you while we watch it grow.

A brief history of Wikipedia editing gone awry

B.C. parliament buildings

Ahead of the 2013 B.C. provincial election, an edit war erupted on the Wikipedia entries for Liberal Premier Christy Clark and NDP Leader Adrian Dix. Partisan supporters on both sides were accused of grooming the leaders' pages, removing any mention of past scandals.

U.S. House of Representatives

In 2005, the IP address assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives was blocked from editing Wikipedia due to "a deliberate attempt to compromise the integrity of the encyclopedia."

U.K. parliament

In March 2012, it was discovered that U.K. MPs or their staff had made almost 10,000 edits to the encyclopedia. Many of the changes dealt with removing unflattering details from Wikipedia during the 2009 expenses scandal.

Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

In July 2014, the Daily Telegraph reported that IP addresses belonging to the Russian government had edited articles related to Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 to remove claims that it had helped provide the missile system used to shoot down the aircraft.

California Institute of Technology

In 2007, Caltech student Virgil Griffith created WikiScanner, a tool that cross-referenced edits to Wikipedia and the organizations from which the changes were made. Griffith's tool revealed potentially spurious editing conducted by addresses linked to numerous governments, businesses or agencies, ranging from the CIA to the Vatican.

Gulf of Mexico

In March 2013, it was revealed that an employee of British Petroleum (BP) was editing the company's Wikipedia page following the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Croatia

In September 2013, newspapers reported that the Croatian-language edition of Wikipedia had been hijacked by a group intent on promoting anti-gay sentiment. The malicious edits prompted the country's minister of education to issue a warning to students not to trust the content of the site.

Goa, India

In January 2013, an article on the "Bicholim conflict" — an alleged war in the Indian Goa — was revealed to be a complete fabrication. Prior to the revelation, the article had been listed in good standing for more than five years.

MAP: ISTOCK PHOTO

OSC. Panel doesn't want Conrad Black rehashing old news during testimony

Conrad Black will be allowed the right to speak in his own defence later this week before Canada's largest provincial securities commission, although it doesn't want to revisit issues that have already been through the U.S. legal system.

The Ontario Securities Commission panel also agreed Wednesday to also allow testimony from two of the witnesses proposed by the former media mogul, including his former secretary.

Black's testimony is scheduled to begin Friday. The head of the OSC panel, Christopher Portner, said he wants to ensure the Black hearing does not "recharacterize the evidence of the U.S. proceedings." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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metro AR This screen grab shows the homepage of LoveAnimals.org, a new crowdfunding site devoted to helping pets and wildlife. If you scan this image with your Metro News App, you'll be able to see some of the animals this site is helping, including two really adorable otters. SCREENGRAB

A large number of small online donations can turn pet projects into big lifesavers for animals.

LoveAnimals.org, a year-old crowdfunding site, is believed to be the first devoted to aiding just pets and wildlife. It has tapped into the power of online contributions, where people can give what they can, whether $5 or $500 US, to help a more costly project come to fruition. Through Love Animals, donors can help non-profit sanctuaries, pet rescues, animal hospitals, zoos and aquariums provide care and extra amenities for dogs, elephants, otters, horses and everything in between.

Animal efforts appear on other sites using the popular crowdfunding technique, such as Indiegogo, Kickstarter and Gofundme, but they are mixed with non-animal causes and for-profit companies. In July, the ResQwalk mobile app launched through Indiegogo, allowing people to raise money for animal rescues and shelters in the U.S. and Canada every time they go walking.

"It's easier to get many people to give small sums of money than to get just a few people to give you large amounts of money," said Sarah Timms, a Colorado attorney who founded LoveAnimals.org.

The site gave a new chance at life to a kitten named Roger, who was thrown from a moving car in Colorado in early September and required a leg amputation.

Longmont Humane Society in Colorado, which took in the one-pound kitten, doubled its goal of $650 in less than 24 hours of online fundraising. Twenty people donated between $5 and $375 through Love Animals to help pay for medical bills and rehab for Roger.

Timms founded the free site after reading a study from Massolution, a crowdfunding research company, which said crowdfunding raises billions of dollars globally every year.

"We will make sure animals get a piece of that pie," Timms said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Called 'cramming'

AT&T to pay $105M for billing people for bogus charges

AT&T wireless customers may want to take a closer look at their old phone bills because they may have money coming back to them.

The Federal Trade Commission in the U.S. said Wednesday that AT&T Mobility LLC, a subsidiary of the telecom giant, has agreed to a hefty $105-million US settlement after the government accused the company of unlawfully billing customers for hundreds of millions of dollars in bogus charges — a practice known as cramming. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SO HIP IT HURTS: A SUPERFAN'S TIMELINE

HE SAYS
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Maybe the clearest sign I'm getting older is that my favourite band is getting older, too. I am *38 Years Old*, after all.

The Tragically Hip's library isn't the Library of Alexandria or anything, but they've been around long enough that they're about to re-release a 22-year-old album. I find this depressing, fully and completely.

Even the way I discovered The Hip is old school. I was at my old school listening to a mixtape on a Walkman, when I heard a song with a bass groove so deep I dove right in. It was At the Hundredth Meridian, where my great fandom begins.

Since then, I've seen the Hip in Holland and Las Vegas and, God help me, Moncton. I've talked to four of them, including a conversation with bassist Gord Sinclair where he told me they're still together because 'We're men, not boys.'

I'd best not squeal, then, I thought, as I nodded solemnly.

I've tried not to be That Fan, but it's hard. I went to a movie theatre to see a one-off closed-circuit thing the band was doing, and I was stopped by a cameraman on the way in to ask my thoughts for the nightly news.

What I wanted to say: "The Hip were the first rock band to use Canadian iconography in their songs, which eventually led to the group becoming iconic themselves." What I actually said: "They're, like, icons, man. Awesome."

I didn't thrust a beer in the air and yell "WHOO!" though, so, you know, small victories.

My extreme fandom's never stopped. I know more about the Hip than any normal person should. Here's a timeline of their career, completely off the top of my head:

- **Sept. 15, 1981:** The band gets together in high school, spurred on by the typical Canadian dream of forming a group that is 40 per cent Gords.
- **Feb. 28, 1983:** The band chooses the name The Tragically Hip after watching a 1980s Saturday Night Live sketch of the same name, beating out close contenders "Land Shark" and "Roseanne Rosannadanna."
- **July 2, 1986:** Lead singer Gord Downie has a day that he later says inspired much of his songwriting, when some Bobcaygeon thugs lock him in the trunk of a car.
- **Aug. 9, 1987:** The band releases its second single, kicking off the well-loved fan ritual of saying, "They're good, but not as good as they used to be."
- **March 17, 1994:** The band is nearly torn apart by drummer Johnny Faye's double-double addiction.
- **Aug. 29, 2005:** Years of alleged fear mongering are vindicated when New Orleans begins sinking. FEMA offers the band a direct apology.

That timeline isn't strictly true, if you want to be a slave to the dictionary definition. But it does highlight my obsessive, silly fandom, and why I still like the band so much after so many years: They make me feel young. Or as renowned rock critic Lester Bangs once put it, "Icons, man. Awesome."

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Get your kangaroo kicks

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SCREENGRAB

So I'm a little torn about the Nutcracker soundtrack playing over this kangaroo fight. At first, I was indignant. Sure, the comedic value is plain. But it's also a disservice to anybody who hasn't heard what must be the magnificent sounds produced by a kangaroo boxing match. But by the time it was all over, I realized I'd hardly blinked and my heart was soaring. So well played, Rodney Langham.(Rodney Langham/YouTube)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A B.C. Pastafarian lost his driver's licence over refusing to ditch the colander in his ID photo, which he claims is his religious right to wear. Was the decision just?

@lustforlaughs: Pastafarianism can't be a religion because there is legitimate verifiable proof that pasta exists.

@nasty45: as long as he can wear the strainer to the Legion Im cool.

@edmontongue: jah win some jah lose some

Join the conversation @metropicks.

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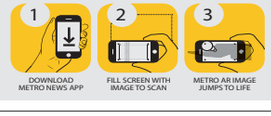

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Beyond Words. Tanya Tagaq and Severn Cullis-Suzuki share the stage for an evening of music and words about global sustainability

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Inuit throat singer Tanya Tagaq performs at the Chan Centre on Oct. 16 and 17. CONTRIBUTED

If you go...

- See Beyond Words Oct. 16 and 17 (7:30 p.m.) at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts (Telus Studio Theatre). Tickets from $20. More information at chancentre.com.

What do you get when you take an Inuit throat singer and put her on stage at the Chan Centre with an environmental activist?

It's called Beyond Words, an event that "explores the power of words in performance as an agent of change and means of igniting conversation."

Tanya Tagaq, fresh off her Polaris Music Prize win for her album Animism, teams up with Severn Cullis-Suzuki (remember her from the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992?) for an original collaboration of words and music targeting political, ecological and cultural issues.

"(It) was conceived as a means of tying together literature and the performing arts," says Chan Centre programming manager Wendy Atkinson. "I am thrilled to see it evolve to incorporate non-fiction forms of expression.

"Tanya is an absolutely captivating artist and musician. For those familiar with her work, this will be an opportunity to experience her in a whole new light: combining forces with a fellow, devoted activist for a timely exploration of global sustainability."

That Vancouver-born activist is also an author, television host (Samaqan Water Stories) and a Yale-educated scientist. She's also the daughter of David Suzuki, who's dabbled in a bit of environmental work himself.

I ain't 'fraid of no ghosts

All 'board the The Halloween Ghost Train in Stanley Park, leaving the station this weekend, running until Nov. 1 (closed on Thanksgiving). Tickets $11 (adult), $7 (child/youth/senior), free for 2 and under, available at ticketleader.ca.

The roof is (almost) on fire

Check out Teton Gravity Research's latest film, Almost Ablaze, tonight at the Rio Theatre. Early show at 6:30 p.m., late show at 9. Tickets: $15. ($7 for ages 16 and younger at the early show, available at the door.)

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Bastille plays Montreal Oct. 14, Toronto Oct. 15 and Vancouver Nov. 14. CONTRIBUTED

Lots of good fortune and a little Bad Blood for Bastille

Big breaks. After years of struggle in the U.K., band is enjoying their 'easy' success on this side of the Atlantic

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

A few winters ago Chris Wood found himself going door-to-door in London, England, distributing flyers to offer his services as a drum teacher.

It was, as he describes, a chance at getting out of a career of working at a factory. But fate dealt him a kinder hand, as one of the people who saw his flyer was singer Dan Smith.

"So it happened that he was around that time thinking he should get a band together, and it happened to be that same week that I popped up with the flyer," recounts Wood.

"Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good, and I was like, 'Nah, dude, I've only got two.'"

And so it goes that Wood — who is affectionately known as Woody — offered his own services and became the drummer for Bastille. Though the band's success in the States has seemed rapid, there were years of struggle in their home country.

"In America, we were very fortunate in that we skipped some steps that most bands have to go through, like the stage where you are playing for 10 people at this bar, and then you drive 20 hours to play for 10 people at this other bar," he says, noting that by the time they had come to the U.S., their debut, Bad Blood, was already at No. 1 in England.

"In the U.K., though, we've seen it go from the very basic level where we were playing in pubs to where we are now."

Where they are now is actually in the studio.

When we speak with Wood, he's literally in the kitchen of a recording studio, where the members of Bastille have just completed seven days of recording on their followup to 2013's smash, Bad Blood.

But just because they found success the first time around doesn't mean the four-piece won't tinker with the formula.

"We're using guitars for the very first time," says Wood.

The way that the band members write has also changed. They're now hammering out ideas together for the songs.

"I say songs, but it's really kind of just ideas right now.

"There are seven or eight at the moment at varying stages of completion," says Wood.

"We'd love to play these songs live, but people would be like, 'Why are you playing this half-finished mess?'"

Quoted

"Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good ..."
Bastille drummer Chris Wood on being recruited by singer Dan Smith

But the process is still new and exciting for Bastille. Wood recalls that the early Bastille compositions were not as inclusive.

"In the beginning, the songs were all actually written in Dan's bedroom and then we'd go in and rehearse and sort of learn the songs.

"We'd be working all day and then go to the rehearsal space at about 10 at night and play until three in the morning and then get up at seven the next morning to go back to work ...

"It was obvious we all believed in it early on, and we all stuck with it."

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Killing Jesus. National Geographic announces all-star cast for TV movie

After Killing Lincoln and Killing Kennedy, the cable network is prepping a TV movie adapted from the third book in Bill O'Reilly's non-fiction series, Killing Jesus.

Details on the cast have just been revealed.

National Geographic has announced a star-studded cast for its retelling of the life of Jesus of Nazareth through political, social and historical events.

Haaz Sleiman (The Visitor, Nurse Jackie) will headline as Jesus, joined by Stephen Moyer (True Blood) as Pontius Pilate, Kelsey Grammer as King Herod, Emmanuelle Chriqui (Entourage) as Herodia and John Rhys Davies (Sliders, Lord of the Rings) as Annas.

The cast will also feature Alexis Rodney, Rufus Sewell, Stephanie Leonidas and John Lynch, among others.

After hitting new record viewer numbers with Killing Lincoln and Killing Kennedy, National Geographic is betting big on Killing Jesus, which will air in 2015 in 171 countries and 45 languages. The TV movie hails from the same producers as the Emmy-nominated Killing Kennedy, including executive producer Bill O'Reilly. AFP

Haaz Sleiman will play Jesus in Killing Jesus. GETTY IMAGES

Hollywood

Get your Iron Man story straight, Robert!

Speculation is building around Robert Downey Jr.'s role in future Iron Man instalments after conflicting quotes have emerged from U.S. talk shows. The Iron Man character will continue to appear in Marvel's film franchise, but may not get another solo film for a while. That's the conclusion drawn from apparently contradictory statements that Robert Downey Jr. gave on Tuesday on The Ellen Show. He was asked if there would be a fourth Iron Man movie. "I know there's gonna be a bunch of Marvel movies and they have big ideas of how to do it best, and we're in the middle of negotiation." "So yes?" continued Ellen DeGeneres. "OK, yes," he smiled.

But only a few hours later, he popped up again on The Late Show with David Letterman, where he said, "There's no plans for an Iron Man 4 ... there's no script for Iron Man 4." AFP

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Steve Carell talks tech and teenagers

Alexander. Actor's new family-friendly affair has him thinking about cellphone rules

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Steve Carell has been busy promoting both the family-friendly Disney flick Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day and Bennett Miller's gritty true-life drama Foxcatcher, which wowed at Cannes and Toronto and hits theatres next month. Luckily, Carell hasn't had any trouble keeping the two films straight.

All the kids in Alexander have iPhones, which struck me as odd, but then I don't have children. Is there a right age for that?
It's different for different people. As for my family, we have limits. I think you have to have limits and you have to put parameters on that sort of usage. You want your kids to be engaged with other human beings — that's always a nice thing. Our daughter got her cellphone when she was 12. So when she entered seventh grade, she got a cellphone. And I think that's fairly common. I think for a while it was 16 or even older, but I think all of her friends at this point have cellphones. They're not allowed to use them in class or anything; they're really there for emergencies. "I need to come home, pick me up" kind of stuff.

And I assume there's a lot of peer pressure once other kids have them.
Yeah, certainly. Technology's changed a lot. Since I was a kid, the world is upside down technologically. I think parents are just navigating uncharted territory at this point.

My mom got me a pager when I was in high school.
And now I know exactly when you grew up (laughs). Because the lifespan of pagers was not a long one.

Longer than MiniDiscs, at least.
Oh yeah. I'm sure they don't make MiniDiscs anymore. I've heard, though, that vinyl is making a comeback, that digital music has sort of peaked and that vinyl is making a huge surge right now. I always loved album artwork. That to me is sort of a lost art; what album covers look like and just the feel of it.

You've also been promoting Foxcatcher, out later this fall, which is a very grown-up, Oscar-friendly drama. How do questions for the two films differ?
Well, I mean, the movies are just so tonally different, and one is based on a true story so there is, I think, much more responsibility involved.

Alexander isn't a true story?
It could be! I'm not saying it's not a true story. A familiar story, to be sure. Let's say that. Certainly the questions I think we're going to be asked are different. The whole approach to it is different. It's light, fun family entertainment, and it's a comedy.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Rumer Willis and mom Demi Moore. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Demi lectures daughter on pitfalls of cosmetic surgery

Demi Moore is reportedly reading the riot act to daughter Rumer after the 26-year-old posted an Instagram photo with so prominent a pout that some suspected she'd dabbled in the world of plastic surgery.

Despite speculation over the years that Moore herself has gone under the knife, she "got a few of her daughter's friends together and lectured them about the pitfalls of cosmetic surgery," a source tells the National Enquirer. "Demi thinks all her daughters are naturally beautiful. She worries that Rumer and her sisters feel pressure to chase an unrealistic Hollywood physical ideal."

Morrissey

'I'll rest when I'm dead' Morrissey tells worried fans

British singer Morrissey has revealed he is undergoing treatment for cancer, though he did not specify what type.

"They have scraped cancerous tissues from me four times already, but who cares," the 55-year-old former Smiths frontman tells Spanish newspaper El Mundo. "If I die, then I die. And if not, then I don't. Right now, I feel good. I am aware that in recent photos I look unwell, but that is what illness does. I'm not going to worry about that, I'll rest when I'm dead."

Morrissey has been forced to cancel several concert appearances since the beginning of last year due to various health issues.

The Word

Can you spare a fiver to help London block Nickelback?

NED EHRBAR
Metro in Hollywood

Who says the Internet can't be used as a force for good?

A British man has launched an online crowdfunding campaign with the express purpose of keeping Nickelback from performing in London.

Craig Mandell has set a goal of $1,000, with all contributed funds going to charity, to show the band's management just how much Londoners don't want them around.

For each $1 donation, he will send Nickelback's management an email "kindly requesting that they do not play in London, England, for the foreseeable future."

A $5 donation gets a "slightly more forceful email," and $10 earns an email "full of explicit phrases and lots of capital letters and maybe even a rude emoticon or two."

But for donors really serious about getting their point across, nothing beats the $50 donation level:

"Your donation will result in an email to Nickelback with an attached mp3 of Nickelback's music," Mandell writes.

"This way, the band will hear their own music and likely retire immediately, thereby ensuring the success of our campaign."

Do your part, folks.

Londoners will thank you.

Martha Stewart

Gwyneth Paltrow

Shocked Paltrow 'psyched' that Stewart sees Goop as real competition

This Gwyneth Paltrow-Martha Stewart feud has reached new levels of cattiness, thanks to a recent speech by Paltrow herself.

Apparently the Country Strong star heard Stewart's remarks that Paltrow "just needs to be quiet" and "if she were confident in her acting, she wouldn't be trying to be Martha Stewart."

Paltrow's response? "No one has ever said anything bad about me before, so I'm shocked and devastated. I'll try to recover," she joked while speaking at Fortune magazine's Most Powerful Women Summit earlier this week. "If I'm really honest, I'm so psyched that she sees us as competition."

I can only hope they continue to snipe at each other at increasingly absurd high-brow functions. Keep it classy, ladies.

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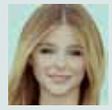

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LA for 24 hours? Obviously fitting in a @soulcycle class

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Clothes: the book on Betty

Written in retail.
Famed Bergdorf personal shopper Betty Halbreich talks closets, mirrors and memories

Betty Halbreich's lays out her life in a new book, I'll Drink to That: A Life in Style with a Twist, co-written by Rebecca Paley and released in September by Penguin Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clothes and how to wear them have been a constant in Betty Halbreich's life for most of her 86 years.

Good thing she landed a job at Bergdorf Goodman as a personal shopper nearly four decades ago.

The opportunity couldn't have been better timed. She was fresh out of a mental hospital after a breakdown following a split with her husband. She had found herself alone in his city — it wasn't hers — for the first time and needed a reason to get out of bed.

Fashion and style loomed large in her proper upbringing as a lonely only child in Chicago.

At the famed department store, it was the thing that saved her life. But with age, she's made a few changes, particularly when it comes to her relationship with clothes.

"I've loved clothes all of my life. I don't love them personally anymore. It's more of a job. Today it's like whatever's in the closet," the blunt-spoken Halbreich said by phone in a recent interview.

Dressing "correctly" has always come easily for Halbreich, especially under the watchful eye of her fastidious mother, so sharing that love by dressing others is about the only job she could have imagined.

Halbreich, with two grown children and three grandchildren, is still on the job, pulling looks for clients from the racks at Bergdorf and preparing to publish a book on her life spent finding the perfect fashions.

Closets have always been a source of comfort to you.

They've played a huge role in your life.
They're my playhouse, like my dollhouse when I was growing up. I can get up in the middle of the night and start doing them. I live in eight rooms. I have 12 closets. I just keep rearranging all the retro clothes backward and forward. Closets and keeping them neat are like a hobby. It's really going back to my childhood. I've had enough psychiatry to tell you.

You have an odd relationship with mirrors. You're surrounded by them all day long at the store.
I do have an odd relationship. My mirror is so terrible at home that when I see myself in a better mirror when I come to work I say, 'My God, Betty. Turn up the lights. Don't walk out in the morning looking like a shadow.'

But clients, I teach how to look in the mirror. It's so interesting. It's a reversal. It's psychological. I've always had a fight with mirrors. I've never liked a mirror image. I've never really liked who I was, you know. I like who I am today because I'm more comfortable.

How do you train somebody to like their image in the mirror?
My mirrors are three-way and most women do not like that three-way mirror thrown at them, where you see your rear end, and you see your side view. But if they're really enamoured of some beautiful piece of clothing it works.

I know what looks good on them the minute they put it on. Look, 37 years of this stupid job, if I don't know that it doesn't look good on them I should really leave.

So you don't live, eat and breathe fashion and shopping?
When I leave the store, I try to live another life. I don't talk about clothes.

I haven't been in Saks since they put the escalator in (that would be 1979). Maybe I'll have to go to Bloomingdale's to buy a pillowcase, but I don't tread in other stores. I find it extremely boring. It's like eating too much candy.

I don't want to bring it home. I'm really not interested.

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Let's get real

"Look, 37 years of this stupid job, if I don't know that it doesn't look good on them, I should really leave."
Betty Halbreich,
Image consultant and personal stylist

Kindred collaboration

Betty Halbreich on her friendship with Girls star Lena Dunham, who's developing a TV series inspired by Halbreich and her book.

- "We're going to have such a good time together if we ever get on with this, whatever we're doing. I feel like she's my other child. We're soulmates in a strange way. We've suffered through some of the same things. We think a lot alike. She's sweeter than I am."

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Chrissy

Age: 27

Occupation: Music venue promoter

What she's wearing:
American Apparel cheetah top, vintage pants and shoes from Timeless Apparel, and vintage sunglasses from Public Butter.

Her inspiration:
"David Bowie in the '70s."

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Trends Report

We've been experiencing a blast from the past as retro fashion trends are making a comeback. Go online to Trends Report to check out some of the these trends, and let me know which you love — and which you hate.

- **Online.** metronews.ca/trends-report
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Do sweat the stylish stuff

Summer is officially a wrap. The one thing keeping us from tearing up over the end of beach days and sunsets at 8 p.m. is the new array of cosy and chic sweaters hitting stores right now. We can't wait to snuggle up in these.

TINA CHADHA
Metro News in New York

Sweater season makes it easier to deal with the concept of snow's eventual arrival. Shudder. SHANITA SIMS / METRO

H&M cropped sweater, $49.95, HM.com

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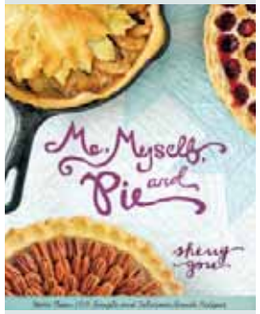
Cookbook of the Week

The wonderful world of pie



Me, Myself, and Pie by Sherry Gore not only features 100 recipes that use simple, wholesome ingredients — it also shares stories of Amish life and culture. Gore offers readers tried-and-true techniques that are sure to turn out picture-perfect pies. Recipes include both sweet and savoury fillings. Among recipes are Peach Pie, Cream Cheese Pecan Pie, Sweet Potato Pie, Farmhouse Chicken Pot Pie; Ham and Cheese Hand Pies, and more. **METRO**

Make room for this easy-as-pie dish

Alternative Thanksgiving Week.
Pumpkin pie will just have to share the spotlight with this Hearty Beef Pot Pie

Ingredients

Pastry Crust
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup + 2 tbsp butter-flavoured vegetable shortening, chilled
- 5 tbsp ice cold water
- 1 tbsp vinegar

Beef Pot Pie
- Two 9-inch unbaked pastry pie crusts
- 1 lb beef stew mix, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/3 cup flour, divided
- 6 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cups beef broth, divided
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 cups potatoes, peeled, cubed, and cooked
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 stalk celery, diced

Pastry Crust

1. Blend flour and salt well in a large bowl. Cut the shortening into pea-size pieces and work into flour mixture until crumbs form. In a separate bowl, mix together cold water and vinegar. Gradually add the water mixture to the flour mixture until combined. Shape the dough into a ball, cover in plastic wrap, and chill for at least 30 minutes.

2. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a uniform thickness. Place in a pie plate and trim the edges.

3. Bake at 400 F for 8 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Let cool. (Makes two 9-inch pie crusts).

To Prepare

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F. Place meat in a bowl and soak in 1 cup of milk for 5 minutes, then drain meat and dredge in 1 cup flour. Shake off excess. Place meat in a skillet and brown in butter and oil on all sides over medium high heat. Add onion before meat is completely browned. Turn down heat to low. Add 1 cup of broth and garlic, salt, and pepper and let simmer for 20 minutes.

2. In a bowl, whisk 1/3 cup of flour into 1 cup broth. Add to pan. Add the potatoes, peas and carrots, and celery to the pan and continue cooking until the beef is tender and the mixture is thick and bubbly.

3. Pour the mixture into an unbaked pie crust. Top with crust. Score the top crust to vent. Bake at 450 F for 35 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown.

RECIPE FROM ME, MYSELF AND PIE: AMISH RECIPES BY SHERRY GORE (HARPER COLLINS CHRISTIAN PUBLISHING/ ZONDERVAN, 2014)

For an extra touch, slather this pie in a rich gravy. KATIE JACOBS

Scientist finds relief for pain, without pills. Study shows natural extract effective

"Sending medication from the skin directly to the area just makes sense"

Dr. Joseph Gabriele Ph.D

A Canadian scientist may have discover a way that would change how we take medicine in the near future.

Dr. Joseph Gabriele Ph.D, went on a personal quest for answers to relieve his wife Sue's pain, but **his answer was not in a pill...it was in a cream.** Pills were not an option for Sue, due to the side effects that many of us can relate to.

Dr. Joseph Gabriele, Ph. D
Preparing for PEI Conference

In an effort to seek relief for his wife, Dr. Gabriele and his team developed a **powerful penetrating cream** that sends medication quickly to where it hurts.

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Costumes for the entire family

When Vancouverite Malee Perera and her son get ready for Halloween, Value Village is a prime destination.

They aren't the only second-hand costume buyers. Thirty-one per cent of parents combine new and second-hand items to get their child a standout costume, according to Value Village's annual Halloween survey.

About 87 per cent of parents say their children dress up for Halloween, and 68 per cent of parents let their kids make the costume decisions.

"My son is really into music, so he's been Gene Simmons from Kiss for several years in a row," Perera says. "But every year the costume gets an upgrade."

Perera has a few tips for getting your costume perfect.

LOOK FOR INSPIRATION ONLINE

If you are stumped on what to wear this Halloween, Google it. Pinterest is another great resource for Halloween costumes, Perera says. The latest kids' movies continue to lead the costume inspiration. According to the survey, Canadians think Disney's Frozen will beat Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and X-Men: Days of the Future Past for the top movie costume inspiration.

Trick-or-treaters can also find tons of inspiration at valuevillage.com.

PICK UP SOME SPRAY PAINT

Want to change the colour of a second-hand item? Spray paint can take care of that. "Last year my son wanted to add some silver boots to his costume, so we found some second-hand boots that were the right shape but the wrong colour," Perera says. "Then we spray painted them black and glued on some studs. They worked great."

SHOP SECOND-HAND FOR FABRICS

Buy your fabrics second-hand. "One year my son dressed as a skeleton, so he wore this black hoodie and sweatpants that he had almost grown out of, then we found a white sheet at Value Village, cut out bone shapes from it, and stitched them to his black clothes," Perera says. "It worked perfectly and it cost literally $1.99."

Value Village is full of good ideas. For more inspiration, find great costume ideas and DIY Halloween crafts at valuevillage.com.

– Stephanie Orford

DECK YOUR HOME IN HALLOWEEN DECOR

It's time to find those pumpkin carving tools. The spookiest time of year is here again and four in 10 Canadians plan to decorate their house for the occasion, according to a 2014 survey by Value Village.

Decorate your home inexpensively with decorations and DIY supplies from the thrift store. Value Village specializes in all things Halloween.

CREEPY CRAWLERS WREATH

Send shivers down spines with a Halloween-themed wreath on your door. Take a regular twig wreath (thrifted from Value Village, or new) and attach a hoard of plastic spiders or snakes using floral wire to create the creepiest of welcomes for your trick-or-treaters. Paint your creepy crawlers black with acrylic paint for a monochromatic effect.

TERRIFYING TABLE SETTINGS

Drip red wax over top of white candles to create macabre mood lighting. Plastic vampire teeth make great napkin holders. A red cloth works perfectly to create a table runner, tablecloth or placemats. Use fabric scissors to cut the edges into blood-drip shapes to create an effect the vampires among us will love.

Visit Value Village to make a do-it-yourself terrifying table setting. CONTRIBUTED

GOLDEN PUMPKINS

Wow your guests with golden gourds. Give an assortment of mini-pumpkins the Midas touch. Use glue and dip them in gold confetti or sparkles, or simply spray paint some or all of the pumpkin gold to create decorations worthy of Cinderella.

PUMPKIN ICE BUCKET

Looking for decorations that are cool and practical? Slice a large pumpkin in half horizontally and hollow out to create a bowl. Fill with ice and a little water and insert your cans or bottles of choice. Chilling!

MOOD LIGHTING

Find a wealth of second-hand glass containers at Value Village to create mood lighting for your Halloween celebration. Wrap the exterior with cheesecloth, apply stick-on googly eyes, insert glow stick or battery-operated light and voila! You have yourself a mummy light.

Visit @saversvvillage on Pinterest for many more great ideas for decorating your home this Halloween.

– Stephanie Orford

EVERY DONATION, PURCHASE HELPS

Sometimes Halloween costumes can be reused for years, but if you are tired of being the predictable guy at the party, don't throw your costume in the trash — donate at Value Village.

One person's trash is another's treasure, especially when it comes to Halloween costumes.

Every time you donate your child's outgrown costume at Value Village, not only will it bring another child just as much fun, but it will also go toward providing sustainable funding for vital community programs and services.

Value Village partners with local not-for-profit organizations to make this happen with all items that are on the floor, so that every donation and every purchase helps.

Donating your used costumes also helps keep them out of landfills. Value Village is also one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world, helping thrifty shoppers repurpose more than 294 million kilograms (650 million pounds) of quality goods every year.

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Bluebellgray Abstract Watercolour Floral duvet set. THEBAY.COM

Fiona Douglas hand paints all Bluebellgray designs with watercolour paint. HANNAH YOON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bluebellgray Flower Field Meadow Floral duvet set. THEBAY.COM

Scottish textile collection awash in watercolour warmth

Born in Scotland, made in Canada.
Bluebellgray uses local talent for custom line

After hand painting the lush florals and abstract prints that adorn her designs, Fiona Douglas doesn't have far to look beyond her Glasgow studio to see her creative vision truly take shape.

The creator of Scottish textile company Bluebellgray has her original watercolours digitally printed on natural cloths that serve as the canvasses for an expansive array of home interiors — some of which are produced just beyond her doorstep.

"We obviously can't do it across every product because some product lines you just can't simply make in the country where you want to make them," said Douglas, whose company uses ethically approved factories for overseas production.

"But from the very beginning, all of the cushions we've done in the U.K. market are printed in the U.K. The backing cloth comes from a little mill up the road in Scotland. We sew them in Glasgow, the cushion pads come from a guy in Glasgow.

"It's very much local, and it's something that's been really important to me since the beginning of setting up this business is working with local suppliers and giving people jobs and opportunity. It's very much part of the ethos of what we do."

Bluebellgray Arisaig pillow. THEBAY.COM

Bluebellgray's support of local producers has extended across the Atlantic as part of a new partnership with Hudson's Bay Co. All of the cushions for the retailer are sewn in Canada, and two of the furniture pieces in the exclusive collection — a tufted headboard with bright pink pin cushions and a colourful accent chair — are also manufactured here.

"Everything is circular and I think it's a great thing to do. And I love that in Canada, we've had the opportunity to do that, to make things here to then sell in the Canadian market," the genial Douglas said during an interview in a downtown Toronto hotel suite awash with her cheerily coloured designs.

Douglas is also commemorating the special Bluebellgray line with the retailer with two exclusive prints: the autumnal-toned Arisaig named for a village on Scotland's west coast; and Flower Field Meadow, which boasts oversized florals and bright colours. The Bay will also sell a selection of Bluebellgray's other popular designs in duvet sets, piped sheeting and quilts.

Douglas has eschewed following the masses or trends and remains committed to her own creative vision.

"I never look at trend boards. I never look at what's coming through, because I don't want to have that outside influence affecting what I do. I try and keep my inspiration quite pure," she said. "So the inspiration could be going to see a beautiful art exhibition or a lovely book that I've read.

"I think that by keeping the focus on my ideas and keeping them natural, it means you're not swayed by trends. And then the brand remains much more true to the heart and soul of what it's about."

While Douglas does create abstract designs, her boldly hued florals have been a distinct brand signature. While some may associate use of blooms with warmer-weather style, Douglas said she sees the beauty of florals in their ability to be incorporated year-round.

"There's nothing better on a cold winter day (than) if you come into your home and it's full of bright colour and florals. It's going to make you feel good," she said. "I would say the best way to deal with that if you're a little bit worried is use layering. Use quilts and use throws to add texture and to layer on top of your florals, and that's what will add your coziness if you're wanting this cosy feeling for autumn and winter."

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Cozy up to colour

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Fiona Douglas of Bluebellgray

Tricks for mixing prints

Bluebellgray's Fiona Douglas said people shouldn't shy away from mixing prints in the home — provided they work with different scales.

- "You can maybe have a really lovely large-scale print on your bed and then maybe a large-scale print on your cushions as well. And then you have a smaller scale print on the rug or maybe on your wallpaper."
- Painting the wall behind the bed in a deep hue can also act like a blank canvas for more colourful prints that may be showcased on bedding, she noted.
- "If you keep a natural colour palette running throughout everything, then there will be this beautiful co-ordination that comes together," she said. "That's the most important thing for getting a coherent look in a room is to have the colours that all work together.
- "It doesn't necessarily have to be the same colour. It doesn't necessarily have to be all shades of blue. You can choose things that are all in the same colour family or the opposing colour family. As long as they're in the same tone, then they'll work in your room."

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A wooden fireplace hearth in the home of furniture designer Kim Stobbart. KIM STOBBART/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Natural heirloom

"Wood is something that will never go out of style. Everyone just loves it. A beautiful wood piece is something they can have forever. They become heirlooms."

Furniture designer Kim Stobbart

Wood will do your hearth good

Out of the woods.
Whether it's shelving, a table, a mantle or a door, wooden pieces bring natural beauty indoors

Reclaimed and recycled wood are being given a new use in homes as interior designers include it in furniture and visual elements.

Madilynn Chieduch of Amanda Hamilton Design Studio says she is increasingly incorporating used or worn wood because of its various colours and textures.

Add texture

"We've been creating a visual element by installing chevron pattern on the walls using reclaimed wood," says Chieduch, junior interior designer and retail development lead with the Calgary company. "It's also a popular material for shelving, including floating shelves in the kitchen."

Keep it raw

Instead of choosing to create clean lines by trimming knots or bark off the wood, Chieduch says homeowners often include a piece in a more raw form, such as a stump for additional seating or a coffee table.

Why knot?

"(Wood) is such a beautiful thing. It's a way to bring nature and the wild into your house."

Furniture designer Kim Stobbart

Chieduch notes that fewer homeowners are choosing butcher block countertops in their kitchens because of the predominance of wood cabinetry and the potential for wear and tear.

Even though wood can change and crack over time, both Chieduch and Kim Stobbart, a Malahat, B.C., furniture designer, say that can enhance the beauty and bring out new qualities in the piece.

Seal the deal

As a natural product, wood needs to be treated differently than a synthetic material. Chieduch recommends sealing pieces like coffee or dining tables to prevent damage.

Stobbart seals her pieces with a waterproof finish so they can be used indoors and outdoors.

Wood wears well

"Once the pieces are sealed, they are good to go," says Stobbart. "Even wine can't hurt it. The furniture should be enjoyed and lived with. It just makes them that much better to have a worn piece. If it gets a ding, it makes it that much more beautiful and special.

"Allowing the wood to be worn, weathered and loved creates the feeling that your home is lived in, and that's what I love."

Timeless element

In addition to the warmth it can bring, Stobbart says because of wood's diversity both in uses and type, like cedar, oak and pine, it is a timeless inclusion in interior design.

Never out of style

"Wood is something that will never go out of style," she says. "Everyone just loves it. A beautiful wood piece is something they can have forever. They become heirlooms, but now instead of oak, it is cedar used in a more modern way."

A wooden dining room table. KIM STOBBART/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Uncomplicated shapes

Designers like Stobbart maximize the natural qualities of a piece of wood by using simple design. Many of her pieces have uncomplicated shapes which highlight the grain and colour of the wood.

"It is such a beautiful thing," says Stobbart. "It's a way to bring nature and the wild into your house."

In addition to creating wood furniture that serves as functional art for her clients, Stobbart includes a lot of her work in her own home, including a fireplace hearth and dining table.

Bring the outdoors into your home

"When I built this house I knew I wanted to use wood as much as I could because the house is in the forest near the ocean," she says.

"I've always been attracted to wood, and I've always been an outdoors person spending a lot of time in the forest. It is nice to bring it into my home." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Create a private place for guests in a small space

Holiday visitors. Expecting house guests and wondering how to turn an awkward area into an inviting sleeping space? Try these tips

I purchased a condo that has a den, which is a three-sided room that opens to my foyer and has no closet or window. I'd like to create sleeping space for guests and need some help.

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Not only does this space occasionally need to function as a private sleeping space, but it should also be an attractive area when visitors enter the condo. I suggest creating a lounge room that offers up everyday storage and sleeping space when needed.

Start by adding a daybed, one that can be used for both lounging and sleeping. Decorative pillows that line the back of the daybed will give it a sofa effect. Once you've carved out space for the bed, make some sort of storage, like a wall of cabinetry or bookcases, a priority. Use them for display or books and add bins or baskets to hide away everyday essentials.

Add a versatile ottoman/bench to round out the furnishings to create some additional seating. A reading lamp and large mirror will help make the area feel like an intentional lounge/reading room. A ceiling-mounted drapery rod can contain a drapery panel off to one side; this can be closed when guests are sleeping and kept tied back when not in use.

As for a decor scheme, take your cue from your foyer area. If you have a stylish mirror, a painting or an area rug in your entrance, then allow that style and those colours into the den. This will create a large, impressive-looking entrance when visitors arrive, yet offer up a private sleeping area when draped off.

A lounger by day and a queen bed by night — the top cushion flips down to create a bed for two. Lubi Turquoise Sleeper Daybed, $999, CB2.com.

Open and airy shelving adds useful style to a small space without making it feel boxy. Bibloteca Bookcase, $699, UrbanBarn.com.

Put your feet up and it's an ottoman, add a tray and it's a coffee table or swing it into play as extra seating. Amanda Bench, $199, Structube.com.

4 SPORTS

Red Deer awarded tourney

Giants fall short in bid to host Memorial Cup

The Vancouver Giants lost out on their bid to host the 2016 Memorial Cup.

The Giants submitted an application to host the national championship, however, the Red Deer Rebels, the other Western Hockey League team to apply, emerged as the successful candidate following a majority vote of the WHL Board of Governors in Calgary, according to a statement from the league released on Wednesday.

The Rebels will host the 2016 Memorial Cup, which runs May 19-29.

The Giants last won the Memorial Cup in 2007. Vancouver played as the host city for the event that same year.

Despite not getting to host the Memorial Cup two years from now, the Giants are off to a good start in this WHL season.

Under new head coach Troy Ward, the Giants have a 4-2 record, third in the B.C. Division behind the second-place Kamloops Blazers and Kelowna Rockets, with the latter off to a perfect 7-0 start.

The Giants are currently involved in a three-game mini-series with the Prince George Cougars.

Vancouver opened it up with a 6-1 win Sunday, and will play the next two games on the road in Prince George.

The two teams clash Friday and again on Saturday.

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Canucks milk a win in Cowtown

NHL. Miller makes 23 saves as Vancouver hangs on to beat Calgary to begin season

The Canucks celebrate a goal scored by Alex Burrows as a dejected Deryk Engelland of the Flames skates by on Wednesday in Calgary. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Radim Vrbata scored the eventual winner for the Vancouver Canucks in a 4-2 win over the Calgary Flames on Wednesday.

Vrbata's goal at 11:07 of the second period was initially waived off as a high-stick, but he was given the goal after review.

Alex Burrows and Zack Kassian also scored and captain Henrik Sedin added an empty-netter for the Canucks, who extended their winning streak against Calgary to eight in a row.

Paul Byron and Jiri Hudler replied for the Flames.

The season opener for both Calgary and Vancouver at Scotiabank Saddledome featured two teams attempting to climb out of the bottom of the league standings. The Canucks finished 25th and the Flames 27th among the 30 teams last season.

Their starting goaltenders signed as free agents on July 1 and made their debuts for their respective teams. Ryan Miller stopped 23 of 25 shots for the win, while Jonas Hiller turned away 30 of 33 in his first game in a Flames jersey.

Willie Desjardins won his first regular-season game as Vancouver's head coach. He replaced John Tortorella who was sacked after just one season with the Canucks.

Vrbata batted the puck out of the air past Hiller to pad the visitors' lead to 3-1 at 11:07 in the second period.

Hudler then pulled the host Flames within a goal two minutes later when he blasted a drop pass from linemate Sean Monahan past Miller.

But the Canucks put the game to bed when Sedin restored the Canucks' two-goal lead with 1:16 remaining in the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Season opener

Canucks	Flames
4	2

- **Canucks goals:** Alex Burrows, Zack Kassian, Radim Vrbata, Henrik Sedin
- **Flames goals:** Paul Byron, Jiri Hudler

The Lions' Khreem Smith, right, is used to working with his teammates, not against them as he did during a confrontation in Wednesday's practice.
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Emotions run high at Lions practice

It's a rare but almost predictable occurrence during a football season — or in any sport for that matter — when tempers flare between teammates.

Wednesday's practice for the B.C. Lions in Surrey included two such situations, as shoving and heated arguments broke out. The first instance happened between linebacker Adam Bighill and rookie offensive lineman T-Dre Player, the two exchanging shoves at the end of a run play before teammates calmly intervened and the situation dissolved.

That was followed with an exchange of shouts from two defensive linemen, Khreem Smith and Eric Taylor, and offensive lineman Jermarcus Hardrick.

Smith and Taylor seemed to take exception to something Hardrick did during a run play, coming from the sidelines to let their feelings be known.

"I don't remember," Smith said. "Forgive and forget."

The Lions, decimated by injuries and with more question marks surrounding their lineup heading into Saturday's home game against the Ottawa RedBlacks, have lost three straight.

They sit fourth in the West Division with a 7-7 record.

The odd scuffle between teammates seems to be a quick and fleeting storyline with any team, in any sports league at a given point in a season.

"Towards the end of the year, everybody is on edge, playing so long and everyone gets a little stressed out," said Bighill. "That's relatively normal I would say.

"I think it shows that everybody still cares a lot, you know? I think for sure that shows a lot of passion that guys play with."

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Quoted

"I think it shows that everybody still cares a lot, you know? I think for sure that shows a lot of passion that guys play with."

Lions linebacker Adam Bighill on scuffles during practice on Wednesday

Child abuse trial

Season may be over for Peterson

Adrian Peterson is hoping to go to trial as soon as possible. Whether the star running back for the Minnesota Vikings returns to the playing field any time soon is another question entirely.

A Texas judge on Wednesday set a tentative Dec. 1 trial date for Peterson to face a felony charge of child abuse after using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son in suburban Houston earlier this year. Defence attorney Rusty Hardin said after the hearing that Peterson is "chomping at the bit" to defend himself publicly.

But the case might not be tried before the end of the year, meaning Peterson may not be back on the field this season. The Vikings' final regular-season game is Dec. 28. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In Toronto

Habs edge Leafs in thrilling game

The Montreal Canadiens got a pinball goal to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs in the season opener.

Tomas Plekanec banked a shot off the foot of rookie Leafs defenceman Stuart Percy with 43 seconds left to give Montreal a 4-3 victory Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tomas Plekanec, right, celebrates his winning goal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MacDonald to shoot for UFC title in Canada

Says Dana White.
Kelowna native is 'the next guy in line'

Rory Macdonald
METRO

Canadian Rory (Ares) MacDonald is getting his UFC title shot. And it will happen in Canada.

UFC president Dana White has confirmed that the 25-year-old welterweight will fight the winner of the UFC 181 main event between 170-pound champion Johny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks and No. 1 contender (Ruthless) Robbie Lawler.

Hendricks and Lawler meet Dec. 6 in a Las Vegas rematch of their UFC 171 bout in March that decided the successor to Georges St-Pierre.

MacDonald, ranked No. 2 among welterweight contenders, has won three straight and eight of his last nine in the UFC.

"It's pretty impossible to deny Rory that, whoever comes out of that Hendricks-Lawler fight, he's the next guy in line," White told The Canadian Press on Wednesday.

MacDonald, a native of Kelowna, B.C., who fights out of Montreal, is bidding to join St-Pierre and Carlos (Ronin) Newton as the only Canadians to hold a UFC championship.

MacDonald (18-2) has already beaten No. 3 Tyron Woodley, No. 7 Demian Maia, No. 8 Jake Ellenberger and No. 9 Tarec Saffiedine.

"I have a lot of respect for Saffiedine," White said. "That's guy's tough to deal with. Rory just absolutely made him look like he didn't belong there. He actually treated him like No. 9."

White said the MacDonald title bout would "absolutely, positively, without a doubt, be in Canada."

Gaga over Popovich's boys

Lady Gaga attends the NBA Global Games basketball friendly match between German champions Alba Berlin and NBA champions San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday at Berlin's O2 World Arena. Scan the image for results from the game ... you might be surprised. TOBIAS SCHWARZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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COURT BAILIFF SALE OF LAND

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia between COSTCO WHOLESALE CANADA LTD. (Petitioner) and ANNU RADHA NAYYAR, ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Respondents).

By virtue of an Order issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia dated the 27th day of May, 2014, entered on the 28th day of May, 2014 Vancouver Registry No.S140482 before the Honorable Master Taylor, I will sell by sealed tender, all of the interest of ANNU RADHA NAYYAR, the Judgment Debtor (the judgment(s) amount(s) of $161,668.59 plus costs and any interest accrued up until the selling date), in the following lands and premises, located at 7710 - 116th Street, Delta, British Columbia, more particularly known and described as PID 008-676-160 Lot 575 Section 24 Township 4 New Westminster District Plan 39954, for cash without upset price.

New Westminster Land Title Office, Title No: BX331451, from Title No: BV424546.

Application for registration on: May 18, 2005, entered May 25, 2005.

Registered Owner in Fee Simple: Annu Radha Nayyar, Cashier, 7710 – 116th Street, Delta, British Columbia V4C 5T6.

Taxation Authority: Municipality of Delta.

Description of land: PID 008-676-160 Lot 575 Section 24 Township 4 New Westminster District Plan 39954.

Legal Notations: None.

Charges, Liens and Interests

Nature of Charge: Charge Number, Date, Time.

Mortgage: BW203594, 2004-05-13, 12:29. Cancelled by BX351978, 2005-07-15. Registered Owner of Charge: CIBC Mortgages Inc., Incorporation No. 33457A, BW203594.

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Transfers: None.

Pending applications: None.

Corrections: None.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Face up to emotional problems. There is a time and a place for everything, and this is the time and the place to make your feelings known. Be honest and tell others to be honest too.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
A business venture may seem straightforward but as Mercury is in one of its retrograde phases there may be hidden pitfalls. Don't commit unless you have a get-out clause.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your approach to a certain situation may be ridiculed by those who think you are doomed to failure but they won't be laughing when they see you make a success of it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will learn as much from your mistakes today as you do from your successes, so be of good cheer and expect an upturn in your fortunes soon.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Others may be willing to listen to your opinions today but will they act on what you suggest? Don't worry about that. Just ensure you live up to your ideals.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may have misgivings about a deal but you'd be wise to ignore them. What happens over the next few days should give you a sense of confidence.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The changes you are going through may be what you need but that won't stop you from worrying. The planets urge you to keep faith with what you have decided and eventually your luck will return.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Because mind planet Mercury is moving retrograde it will take a concentrated mental effort not to give in to feelings of doom. It is an effort worth making.

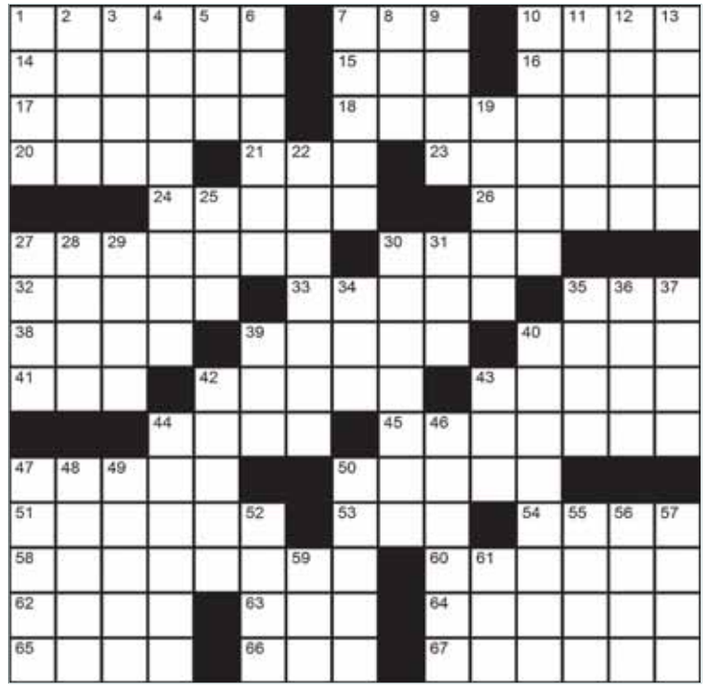
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today's cosmic picture is misleading to say the least, so don't make decisions on what you think loved ones have been saying. Chances are you have misinterpreted their meaning.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Communication won't be easy over the next 24 hours, and when you get a straight answer from someone you may not be able to trust it. Keep what you want to say for another day.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Trust your instincts if they lead you in a certain direction today but don't expect others to follow without question.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your imagination could easily run away with you today, especially if you are having second thoughts about a project. Don't get carried away.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



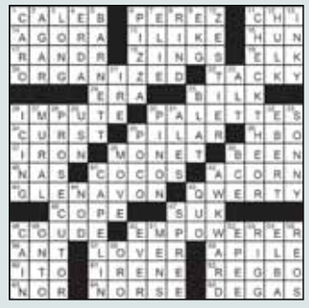
Across

1. Kardashians guy Scott
7. Queen from folklore
10. Try out
14. Actress, Maria Conchita __
15. Genius
16. "My Way" bit: "..._ ___ it up and spit it out."
17. Praying insect
18. Barenaked Ladies bassist Jim
20. Business: 'Big Board', briefly
21. Gardening implement
23. __ Bridge (1500s-built oldest crosser of Venice's Grand Canal)
24. Whirls
26. Smile scornfully
27. Mr. Ferguson, Canadian jazz trumpeter
30. Canadian hockey star Mr. Weber
32. The Tempest spirit
33. Supermodel Kate
35. Music's Brian
38. Seven: French
39. Tennis great Chris
40. Handle
41. Owns
42. Persona non __
43. Still _ __ (Maya Angelou poem)
44. True: French
45. __ Afshin-Jam (Activist wife of Justice Minister Peter MacKay who was Miss World Canada in 2003)
47. Ms. MacDowell
50. Askew, to a Scot
51. Trumpet-like instrument
53. "Waking __ Devine" (1998)
54. Bausch + __ (Contacts care brand)
58. Harbour hazard: 2 wds.
60. Mr. Estevez
62. Mr. Shankar
63. Ms. Larter
64. McDonald's character
65. Actor, Roscoe __ (b.1895 - d.1962)
66. Celebrity chef Sandra
67. Dotted-line endorser

Down

1. Exasperated expletive!
2. William Faulkner's As _ __ Dying
3. Some of "The Brady Bunch"
4. Cyberspace
5. "_ _ _: Crime Scene Investigation"
6. __ salt (Seasoning)
7. Ceremonial staffs
8. Horiz.
9. "Cheers" order
10. Fantasy novel by Weyburn, Saskatchewan born author Guy Gavriel Kay
11. Bald __
12. Condition
13. Placido Domingo's voice
19. Iron: German
22. Leakey Family's famous excavation site, __ Gorge
25. 'Arbor' suffix (Relating to trees)
27. Crush
28. "Diamonds __ _ Girl's Best Friend"
29. Litter barks
30. "__ Empire", new CBC Western
31. Popular
34. Hamster or parrot
35. Ireland, in verse
36. Inconclusive
37. Frank
39. Baseball pitcher's stat.
40. Arctic __ (Northwest Territories' official fish)
42. Hellenic language
43. 'Capital' suffix
44. Da __ (Mona Lisa and Annunciation)
46. Some trees
47. Canadian performers' union
48. Tuque-less, say: 2 wds.
49. The Cars hit
50. Brad Pitt's wife, to pals
52. Cookware brand
55. The Good Earth heroine
56. Distance unit
57. Foretell
59. Bravo!
61. Me: French

Yesterday's Crossword



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		5	1		9	2		
		2	3		6	4		
7			6		1			4
	5		4		7		8	
3		4				1		7

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	7	9	4	8	3	5	2	1
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7	4	6	2	5	8	9	1	3
9	1	5	3	4	6	2	7	8
2	8	3	7	9	1	4	6	5
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